## What Is Claimed Is:

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- An electronic data storage system comprising: a file device for storing at least electronic data; and 5 a data processing unit which generates check codes for detecting falsification respectively for said electronic data and a public key-based electronic signature using a secret encryption method and/or an encryption key when the 'electronic data is registered, stores said electronic data, 10 said public key-based electronic signature, and said respective check codes, respectively verifies the validity of said stored electronic data and said electronic signature using said check codes attached the stored electronic data and said electronic signature when said electronic data is output, and then accesses said electronic data and said electronic signature.
- a file device for storing at least electronic data; and 20 a data processing unit which generates a check code for detecting falsification for a public key-based electronic signature using a secret encryption method and/or an encryption key when said electronic data is registered, stores said electronic data, said public key-based electronic signature and the falsification check code for said electronic signature, verifies the validity of said electronic signature using the check code attached to said

An electronic data storage system comprising:

electronic signature and verifies the validity of said electronic data using said electronic signature when said electronic data is output, and then accesses said electronic data and said electronic signature.

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- 3. The electronic data storage system according to Claim 1, wherein said data processing unit outputs said electronic data with attaching the public key-based electronic signature created at access to the electronic signature at registration to be accessed after verifying the validity of said electronic data and said electronic signature.
- 4. The electronic data storage system according to

  15 Claim 1, wherein said data processing unit outputs said
  electronic data with attaching the public key-based
  electronic signature created at access to the electronic data
  to be accessed after verifying the validity of said
  electronic data and said electronic signature.

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5. The electronic data storage system according to Claim 2, wherein said data processing unit outputs said electronic data with attaching the public key-based electronic signature created at access to the electronic signature at registration to be accessed after verifying the validity of said electronic data and said electronic signature.

- 6. The electronic data storage system according to Claim 1, wherein said data processing unit stores a certificate of the public key with which said electronic signature was created, simultaneously along with said electronic signature, when said electronic signature is created.
- 7. The electronic data storage system according to
  10 Claim 1, wherein said data processing unit stores or outputs
  the expiration information of said public key certificate
  simultaneously.
- 8. The electronic data storage system according to Claim 2, wherein said data processing unit stores the certificate of the public key with which said electronic signature is created, simultaneously along with said electronic signature, when said electronic signature is created.

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9. The electronic data storage system according to Claim 2, wherein said data processing unit stores or outputs the expiration information of said public key certificate simultaneously.

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10. The electronic data storage system according to Claim 1, wherein said data processing unit creates a pair of

said public key and said secret key according to the request for key creation, issues the request of issuing said public key certificate to a CA office, acquires said public key certificate, and stores said acquired public key certificate in said file device.

- 11. An electronic data storage method comprising:
- a step of respectively generating check codes for
  detecting falsification for electronic data and a public key
  10 based electronic signature using a secret encryption method
  and/or an encryption key, when said electronic data is
  registered;
  - a step of storing said electronic data, said public keybased electronic signature, and said respective check codes;
  - a step of respectively verifying the validity of said stored electronic data and said electronic signature using said check codes attached said stored electronic data and said electronic signature when said electronic data is output; and
- 20 a step of accessing said electronic data and said electronic signature.

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12. The electronic data storage method according to
Claim 11, further comprising a step of outputting said
25 electronic signature at registration with attaching a public key-based electronic signature created at access after verifying the validity of said electronic data and said

electronic signature.

13. An electronic data storage method, comprising:

a step of generating a check code for detecting

falsification for a public key-based electronic signature
using a secret encryption method and/or an encryption key,
when said electronic data is registered;

a step of storing said electronic data, said public keybased electronic signature, and said falsification check code 10 for said electronic signature; and

a step of verifying the validity of said electronic data using said electronic data using said electronic signature after verifying the validity of said electronic signature using the check code attached to said electronic signature when said electronic data is output, and then accessing said electronic data and said electronic signature.

- 14. The electronic data storage method according to Claim 13, further comprising a step of outputting said
  20 electronic signature with attaching a public key-based electronic signature created at access after verifying the validity of said electronic data and said electronic signature.
- 25 15. The electronic data storage method according to Claim 13, wherein output step comprises a step of outputting said electronic data with attaching a public key-based

electronic signature created at access after verifying the validity of said electronic data and said electronic signature.

- 16. The electronic data storage method according to Claim 11, wherein said storage step comprises a step of storing a certificate of the public key with which said electronic signature was created, simultaneously along with said electronic signature, when said electronic signature is created.
  - 17. The electronic data storage method according to Claim 13, wherein said storage step comprises a step of storing a certificate of the public key with which said electronic signature was created, simultaneously along with said electronic signature, when said electronic signature is created.
- 18. The electronic data storage method according to

  20 Claim 11, wherein said storage or output step comprises a

  step of storing or outputting the expiration information of
  said public key certificate simultaneously.
- 19. The electronic data storage method according to
  25 Claim 11, further comprising a step of creating a pair of
  said public key and said secret key according to the request
  for the key creation, issuing the request of issuing said

public key certificate to a CA office, acquiring said public key certificate, and storing said public key certificate in said file device.

- 20. The electronic data storage method according to Claim 13, wherein said storage or output step comprise a step of storing or outputting the expiration information of said public key certificate simultaneously.
- 21. The electronic data storage method according to
  Claim 13, further comprising a step of creating a pair of
  said public key and said secret key according to the request
  for the key creation, issuing the request of issuing said
  public key certificate to a CA office, acquiring said public
  key certificate, and storing same in said file device.